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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Recall Campaign
Front brake lines
BMW Motorcycles**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573.

Pursuant to Section 573.6(c) of the above, we submit the following information.

1. Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
Designated Agent: Jan Urbahn
BMW of North America, LLC
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677
2. Make: BMW

<u>Model Year / Model</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 R (w/ABS)	Aug 2006 - May 2009
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 RT	Aug 2006 - Apr 2009
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 ST (w/ABS)	Aug 2006 - Dec 2007
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 GS (w/ABS)	Aug 2006 - Nov 2008
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 GS (w-o/ABS)	Nov 2007 - May 2009
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 GS Adv. (w/ABS)	Aug 2006 - Nov 2008
MY07 - 09 / R 1200 GS Adv. (w-o ABS)	Nov 2007 - May 2009
MY07 - 08 / K 1200 GT	Aug 2006 - Nov 2008

3. The number of motorcycles potentially affected is as noted below:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Number of Units Potentially Affected</u>
R 1200 R	1,541
R 1200 RT	4,591
R 1200 ST	26
R 1200 GS	3,982
R 1200 GS Adventure	2,927
K 1200 GT	2,465

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4. The percentage of motorcycles estimated to actually contain the problem is unknown at this time.
5. The problem involves the front brake lines. Due to the current routing of the front brake lines, it is possible that during riding, and therefore associated vibration, the brake lines could be under strain. If the vibration/strain is significant, the brake lines could split and start to develop a leak. If the leak became significant, brake fluid could escape. If this happened, the level of fluid in the reservoir of the front brake system could drop. If this goes unnoticed, and the brake fluid reservoir runs empty, the front brakes could fail. However, the rear brakes are available and are capable of slowing and stopping the motorcycle.
6. A similar issue was reported in 2008 and assigned "08V-254" by NHTSA. At that time, our remedy was thought to have fully corrected the problem. However, over the course of time, some non-US field reports were received indicating that the remedy was not sufficient in some cases. Accordingly, analyses were conducted in order to determine the specific problem and develop a further improvement.

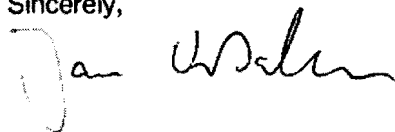
Please note that we first reported this new decision to NHTSA on May 21, 2010 as an amendment to 08V-254 but, upon discussion with the agency, it became clear that a new/separate Part 573 report was more appropriate.

BMW has not received any reports, and is otherwise not aware, of any accidents or injuries as a result of this problem.

7. Not applicable.
8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected motorcycles. New brake lines, containing a "sleeve" along a portion of the lines, will be installed on all affected motorcycles.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer notification in June 2010 and customer notification in July 2010.
9. Not applicable.
10. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
11. A draft copy of the owner notification letter is attached.
12. Not applicable.

Sincerely,



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Attachment